

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Geography Division, ORR

Project Initiation Memorandum

To: Acting Chief, Geographic Research

Project No. 61.1711

From: Chief, Geography Division

Date: 30 October 1958

1. Subject of Proposed Project: Overseas Chinese in Southeast Asia
2. Statement of Problem: To prepare an analysis of significant cultural geographic aspects of the problem of the "Overseas Chinese" population in Southeast Asia, emphasizing 1) the geographical distribution of the Chinese population compared to other racial elements of the population, and 2) the role of the Chinese population in the human geography of each of the several countries concerned. Also included will be a brief interpretation of the significance of these Chinese communities in the political geography of the region, specifically related to the problem of relations between the individual countries of Southeast Asia and the rival Chinese regimes.
3. Requester: Self-initiated
4. Responsible Analyst: [REDACTED] GG/F
5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired:
 - a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area: Cartography to prepare maps.
 - b. Other parts of CIA: CIA Library for documents; OCI for coordination.
6. Estimated Man Hours: 150 in D/GG
7. Probable Completion Date: November 15, 1958
8. Probable Form of Final Publication: CIA/RR-GM-

Approved:

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Chief, Geography Division

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Acting Chief, Geographic Research

17 Nov. 1958
Date

Assistant Director, ORR

Date

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Remarks: <i>The exact format is yet to be determined after further research. Proposed project is approved with this decision pending.</i> <i>Bob: This is a critical subject - much studied by the Dept. of State, & ONE [REDACTED] there are SNIE's in it, I believe.</i> <i>See me. DEG</i>					
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3. Requester: *Self-initiated*

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4. Responsible Analyst: [REDACTED]

Branch: *D/EG/F*

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5. Kind and Extent of Cooperation Desired from:

a. Other divisions of the Geographic Area (Include maps): *Cartography - maps*

b. D/GL Domestic Procurement: *—*

c. Other parts of CIA: *CIA Library for documents, CCI - coordination*

d. Outside CIA: *—*

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9. Special Recommendations Regarding Distribution of Finished Report:

10. Comments:

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Chief, Geography Division

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To give:
(1) a general interpretation of the Overseas Chinese "problem" in Southeast Asia; and